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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL, SATURDAY, FEB. 28,
"MOSCOW MICROWAVES"

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ARTICLE READS AS FOLLOWS:

AT LEAST THE MAIN OUTLINES OF WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED THE CASE OF THE MOSCOW MICROWAVES HAVE FINALLY EMERGED. FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS THE U. S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY IRRADIATED BY MICROWAVES GENERATED IN EQUIPMENT INSTALLED NEARBY BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS BOMBARDMENT PRESUMABLY WERE TO EAVESDROP ON CONVERSATIONS IN THE EMBASSY AND TO ATTEMPT JAMMING OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN AND ON THE EMBASSY. THE U.S. STATE DEPT KNEW ABOUT THIS IRRADIATION AND PROTESTED FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT FACTS WERE KEPT SECRET FROM BOTH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN EMBASSY.

WHAT HAS CHANGED NOW IS THAT THE FACTS HAVE BECOME PUBLIC, APPARENTLY IN LARGE PART BECAUSE ONE OR MORE AMERICAN PHYSICIANS ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW INSISTED THAT THEIR DUTY TO THEIR PATIENTS REQUIRED PRECEDENCE OVER THE STATE DEPT'S SECURITY

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RULES. THE IMMEDIATE QUESTION IN NEED OF ANSWER INVOLVES

WHAT INJURY TO THE HEALTH OF AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW RESULTED FROM THIS LONG-TERM SYSTEMATIC BOMBARDMENT. BUT, APPARENTLY STILL MOTIVATED BY ITS SLOGAN OF 'DETENTE AT ANY COST,' THE STATE DEPT. SEEMS TO HOPE THE WHOLE ISSUE WILL GO AWAY AND PEOPLE WILL STOP ASKING QUESTIONS.

HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IS AMERICAN TERRITORY TO WHICH THIS COUNTRY'S STRICK LAWS GOVERNING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH APPLY. THE MERE FACT OF PAST SECRECY HAS OPENED THE STATE DEPT TO SUITS FROM PRESENT AND FORMER EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO MAY HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEIR HEALTH WAS INJURED BY THE MICROWAVES. EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF DAMAGE CLAIMS, SECSTATE KISSINGER AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL BE WELL ADVISED TO DEMAND THAT MOSCOW CEASE MICROWAVE BOMBARDMENT COMPLETELY. THE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE EITHER TOTAL EVACUATION FROM MOSCOW OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF OR THE INSTITUTION OF RETALIATORY MICROWAVE BOMBARDMENT OF SOVIET DIPLOMATIC INSTALLATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY. INGERSOLL

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